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Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed November 14, 2008. With a three month extension of time, reply is timely on or before May 14, 2008. Applicants hereby petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and include a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

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